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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6422

BILL NUMBER: HB 1053

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Safety Belts in Trucks.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pond

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that, for purposes of the safety belt law, a "passenger motor vehicle" includes a truck with a declared gross weight equal to or less than 7,000 pounds.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: After December 31, 2004, a truck with a gross weight less than 7,000 pounds would be included as a passenger vehicle which would subject truck drivers to the provisions of the safety belt law.

As of January 2003, there were 1,251,048 trucks registered with a weight less than 7,000 pounds, and there were 93,424 citations for seat belt violations for the 12-month period ending September 2002. Although the number of additional citations and fines will depend on compliance and enforcement, the number of vehicles subject to seat belt use, based on vehicle registrations, would increase by 34%. If additional court cases occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if infraction judgments are collected. The maximum judgment for a Class D infraction is \$25, which is deposited in the state General Fund. If a criminal action, infraction, or ordinance violation involves a traffic violation, including this proposed offense, a highway work zone fee of either 50 cents or \$25.50 is assessed.

Revenue from each class of infraction is not separately identified in the state accounting system. Revenues to the state from all infractions totaled \$10.6 M in FY 2003. Assuming that citations for seat belt violations were to increase by 34% and that each citation resulted in a \$25 fine, the additional revenue to the state General Fund could increase by \$794,000.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Bureau of Motor Vehicles Annual Registration County Count.

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